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Accident forecast for the period to Jan. 2:

ANSAS: Temperatures 2 to 5 degrees below normal. Normal 25 to 38. Normal maxima 34. Cooler Monday night.

Light rain to moderate in east portion Tuesday and little or none.

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High Low P.C.

rain, clear 33 29 .00

partly cloudy 35 25 .07

partly cloudy 16 9 .00

rain 67 58 .01

partly cloudy 28 21 .06

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HAPPY NEW YEAR

... it is midnight, and the toll of the bells
 announce a brand New Year. It is time to begin
again. God hands us 365 clean, new days and
 as we accept his proffer we must make
 valid resolutions to discharge all the
 responsibilities that automatically come with
 them. Our world is confused.
 Seeds of destruction are planted
everywhere. It is not a time for
indecision. May we resolve, right now, to
 get a clearer view of destiny ...
 to understand more of the meaning and purpose
 of life. May we have more
 time for God, and somehow,
 may He make us realize, He is
 in front of all our tomorrows.

Happy New Year!

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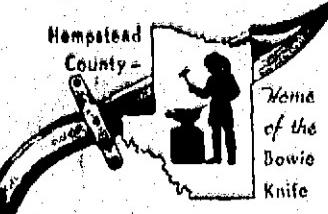
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Plant pens, Seven Arrested

BILL CHEVALIER
T LRA. Morn. (AP)—
Officers were jailed for cur-
rems on their return to
the struck Wilson & Co.
factory, reopened to
a martial law shutdown.
A man was in custody at
and officers said he, too,
jailed.

were no disturbances.
as workers streamed in-
to grounds with only the
standing by.

confiscated five shotguns,
several pistols and a
knife as they searched
one of the weapons were

men are held for con-
an earlier restraining
order dealing with com-
munity and workers, and
of pickets permitted
gates. The men were

is from Albert Lea
County, which were
trial law for 16 days un-
officers said.

and resumed operations
protection of National
Army sent here 2½ weeks
nickel line violence
United Packinghouse Work-
America had only token
at the gates as cars car-
workers streamed into the
this morning.

law in Albert Lea and

Freeborn County was

midnight in compliance

court order that reopened

guardsmen were kept on

ever, to help local police

the peace that has been

since the two days of

ing demonstrations Dec.

main job was to enforce

court order issued be-

trial law was declared

enacted on Page Two

Weather

ment Station report for

ending at 7 a.m. Monday,

Low 36. Precipitation .45

Total 1150 precipitation

November, 40.38 inches;

the same period a year ago,

ches.

NSAS: Partly cloudy to

this afternoon and tonight,

cool Tuesday. Highest

temperatures in the 40s, lowest

mid 20s to low 30s, highest

afternoon to the 40s.

REGIONAL FORECAST

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

regions of Arkansas: Clear

cloudy this afternoon,

Tuesday, cooler this

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Great Water Program for the Southwest

DALLAS, Tex. (AP)—An Army
engineer says 2 water resources

program that is "the greatest
the Southwest has ever known" will
begin early next year.

The program includes a num-
ber of Arkansas projects, including

navigational development of the
Arkansas River.

Brig. Gen. William Whipple,
Southwest division engineer, said

in a review for the press Sat-
urday that the \$95,500,000 in work
planned for 1959 was about 50 per
cent above 1958.

Units of the water programs al-
ready under construction will

eventually cost a billion dollars eventually.

These units include 15 major re-
servoir projects in the Arkansas,
White, Red, Rio Grande and Tex-
as Gulf River basins.

Whipple cited barge transporta-
tion as a part of the program which
will have a direct impact on

the region's economy. The main

control plan for the Arkansas River
will extend navigation 450 miles

into presently landlocked areas in

Arkansas and Oklahoma. As a

function of one of the most com-
plex engineering jobs ever under-

taken in the multi-purpose develop

Miss O'Hara Has Started New Career

BY PHYLLIS BATTELLE

NEW YORK — Maureen O'Hara—the only woman in town whose face can stand out between the faint distractions of vivid red hair and a creamy mink coat—is beginning a new career. At least the public thinks it's a new career. Big-time singing. Like in a Broadway musical.

"You know, I cannot understand why people are so surprised," Maureen said, unwrapping the mink and the delicious Irish brogue. "I've been singing since I was a child. My mother was an opera singer. I've sung in every third or fourth picture I've ever made. I've had a voice coach nearly all my life."

"And yet now everybody stops and says, 'Listen, did you hear? O'Hara's going to sing!'"

The actress, who is scheduled to begin rehearsals in February for her first Broadway musical, "Christine," took by Pearl Buck, music by Sammy Fain and Paul Francis Webster, added, "further proving my desire always to sing. I was heartbroken, utterly heartbroken, when I lost the lead in 'The King and I' to Deborah Kerr."

"Of course, I must admit that if I were Rodgers & Hammerstein, and somebody said 'Who do you want to play the lead in your movie, Deborah Kerr or the pirate queen?' I'd have done exactly just what was done."

Miss O'Hara has what seems to be an innate Irish ability to kid herself. Like referring to herself as "the pirate queen."

"What else was I, in so many pictures? Pinned back against a wall, clutching for a knife in my skirt?" She shrugged, laughed. "But look here. Ronald Colman once told me if he only got one great role every 15 years, it was enough. And I'm not ashamed to admit I've had some—what shall I say—roles of negligible stature? I have had little gems, to, here and there along the way, like 'The Quiet Man,' and 'How Green Was My Valley,' and some others."

"I sang in those movies, by the way." She frowned prettily. "Put the singing just progressed the story, rather than making people distract. I guess I should be flattered nobody remembers the songs."

Maureen has no fears about going on the Broadway stage for the first time. "When I was raised in the theatre, I did all my school homework sitting on a three-legged stool in the wings listening to my mother sing, or my brother direct plays. I was a member of the Abbey Theatre when Charles Laughton signed me to do a film with him—I was only 16, but I'd already had years of theatrical experience. So I've yearned to go back on the stage so much these many Hollywood years."

"This is just a reversion to my beginnings, really. And singing? That comes so naturally that my goodness if the day came when I couldn't sing—at least for my own pleasure—I'd just die."

Miss Maureen is in New York to rehearse for her dramatic debut in television. She will play "Mrs. Miniver" in a 90-minute "Special Tonight" show Jan. 7. Then she goes into consultation on "Christine."

"I guess," she said, "I'll spend Christmas in and around a hotel room. But that's all right. We all celebrated Christmas together last week in Hollywood, the presents and the family are all beautiful and accounted for." Maureen's family, all of whom fell with her to Hollywood from Dublin, include mother and father, two brothers, two sisters and numerous nieces and nephews. And most important to Maureen, her daughter, who is beautiful and talented and 13.

"Just 13, though," suggested Miss O'Hara statistically.



BIG OLD TREE—This giant Baobab tree is thought to be more than 2,000 years old. It stands on the property of P. S. Vosloo in Tshipise, Union of South Africa. Sixty-five feet in circumference, the trunk is scarred with initials hacked in its bark by sight-seers. The Baobab tree is a valuable source of lumber, bears an edible fruit called monkey bread, and its bark and leaves are used in medicine.



BUT FRIENDLY—This pony, one of a herd of 300 that roams Sable Island off Nova Scotia, has become tame enough to be petted. He has been trained for patrol work to aid the two dozen technicians who man the weather station on the lonely dot of land. The origin of the ponies is obscure but legend says they are the survivors of a 15th-century French settlement.



Wilson Plant

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The order signed by Judge John Cahill prohibited more than four union pickets at any plant entrance or more than three persons congregating outside the gates.

The union's Local 6 announced to be taking care not to allow more than four pickets at the plant's main gate.

The weapons were found as officers searched every car going through the plant gate.

A Wilson spokesman said the plant would concentrate on butchering hogs today, with further processing scheduled for Tuesday. No cattle or sheep were on hand.

Gov. Orville L. Freeman proclaimed martial law Dec. 11 after two days of rock-throwing violence directed at the nonunion workers. Wilson had hired to replace the strikers. Freeman acted after city and county officers said they couldn't cope with the situation.

The National Guard moved in, and the plant was closed. Wilson appealed to the federal courts. A three-judge panel ruled last Wednesday that Freeman had exceeded his authority. Subsequently, the governor lifted martial law and turned over the 73 Guardsmen on duty to local authorities, effective at midnight. The guard commander, Maj. Gen. Richard Cook, was appointed an assistant police chief and a deputy sheriff.

Ralph Helstein of Chicago, international president of the UPWA, said that in the contract talks in Chicago last week, the company refused to state its position on major issues.

Nothing was said today about a successor to Miller.

A formal announcement, issued by U. S. District Judge J. Smith Henley, disclosed the impending retirement.

The statement said:

"Mr. Miller has completed a long and successful tenure as clerk of the district court. In departing he carries with him the thanks of the court for his past service and best wishes for a long and happy private life."

"Mr. Miller was scheduled to retire last summer, but because of the then-existing vacancies in permanent judgeships, he was asked by Judge Henley to continue as clerk until the end of this year."

Miller now is in Florida on vacation.

The retiring clerk was appointed by U. S. District Judge Thomas C. Trimble, now retired.

Miller, a Democrat, succeeded the late Sid B. Redding in the patronage job.

As clerk, Miller has supervised the Little Rock court office, where most litigation is filed, and other federal court offices at Batesville, Helena and Jonesboro.

The Well-hears had lived at Moultonburg since 1943.

Well-hear was an attorney and a member of the Senate-Congress Bar. Ask for more information.

Funeral and burial will be at the Sappington Cemetery, which is to be completed today.

This is the first published obituary of Mrs. Well-hear.

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SOCIETY

Phone 7-3431 Between 8 A. M. and 4 P. M.

Hamm and Mrs. Martha Hiedinger of Hope.

Spring Hill HD Club Meets

The Spring Hill Home Demonstration Club had their family Christmas party in the Spring Hill School, Dec. 19. The club guests were Mrs. Jo Ann Phillips and family. There were about 30 present for the Christmas program, presented by the younger children. The Christmas story was given by Mrs. Vernon McMurry.

Singing and games were enjoyed by all, with prizes being given to Mrs. Mary Beasley.

The club meets in January with Mrs. Roy Nations. There will be a health program given by Mrs. Phillips and Mrs. Ernest Graham.

Coming and Going

Mrs. Lucille Spaugh of Bainbridge, Ga., is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Ruggles in the Shover Springs Community.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Hartsfield returned last week from a trip to Miami, Fla.

Mr. and Mrs. George Ware of Little Rock were weekend visitors in Hope.

Stuart Spragins of Little Rock and the Rev. Bob Hyatt of Oaklawn, Tenn., have been visitors of Mrs. B. C. Hyatt.

Mr. and Mrs. Randolph Crutchfield of Camden have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Kyler Sr.

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Barr spent Christmas in Dallas with Miss Carolyn Barr.

Mrs. Pat Baskette and daughters, Cynthia, Carolyn and Linda are holiday guests of Mrs. Baskette's mother, Mrs. J. E. Schooler and sister, Mrs. Thelma Moore.

Rev. and Mrs. Carl G. Willis of Summers, Ark., were the holiday guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Garrett Willis and Mr. and Mrs. Dale Tonnemaker, and sons, Hal and Jimmy.

Miss Faye Willis of Arkadelphia spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Garrett Willis.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Keith of Little Rock were the Christmas guests of his mother, Mrs. Bert Keith.

Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Sutton, Becky and Richard of Little Rock spent the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Newt Pentecost and Mr. and Mrs. Claud Sutton.

Mrs. Ray Stephenson had as weekend guests Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Lee of Tyler, Texas and Mrs. J. B. Lasky of Fort Worth.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Morton and children of Fort Smith are spending this week in Hope with Mr. and Mrs. Joe Morton and Misses Hazel and Ben Abram.

Dr. and Mrs. F. C. Crow of Hope spent the weekend in Fort Smith with Dr. and Mrs. R. C. Goodman and sons.

Miss Josie Anderson spent the Christmas holidays with the Roy Anderson family and Mrs. Cora Jamison.

Hospital Notes

Branch

Admitted: Hope Hughs, Hope; Mrs. J. E. Bain, Washington. Discharged: Mrs. Alma Cornelius, Hope; Tom Dougan, Emmett; Mrs. S. E. Davis, Hope; Mrs. John Wade and baby boy, Marion; Mrs. Rayford Ferguson and baby girl, Rt. 4 Hope.

Memorial

Admitted: Mrs. Zack Stone, McCaskill; L. C. Smith, Hope; Sarah Bishop, Hope; Mrs. Thomas Gibson, Hope; Carolyn Hill, Rt. 1, McCaskill; Mrs. Charles Wessels, Hope; Mrs. Zaddie Wilson, Hope; Mrs. Hershel Kitchens, Lewisville; Mrs. Frank O'Rourke, Rt. 4 Hope; Mrs. James Rogers, Hope; Mrs. Thomas Conley, Rt. 4 Hope; Mrs. Homer Gaines, Hope; Nancy Everett, Rosston.

Discharged: Mrs. C. R. Ernst and baby boy, Rt. 2 Hope; Julius Stewart, Hope; Mrs. Arnold Middlebrooks, Rt. 4 Hope; Mrs. Travis Boho and baby girl, Hope; Mrs. Winnie West, Rt. 1 Hope; Sarah Bishop, Hope; Carolyn Hill, Rt. 1 McCaskill.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wessels of Hope announce the arrival of a baby boy, born Dec. 26, 1959.

Mr. and Mrs. Hershel Kitchens of Lewisville announce the arrival of a baby boy, born Dec. 26, 1959.

Mr. and Mrs. James Rogers of Hope announce the arrival of a baby girl, born Dec. 27, 1959.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Conley, Rt. 4 Hope, announce the arrival of a baby boy, born Dec. 27, 1959.

Rose Garden Club Has Christmas Party at White's Cafe Fulton

The Rose Garden Club of Fulton was entertained recently with a dinner and Christmas party at White's Cafe, Fulton. Co-hostesses were Mrs. Earl White and Mrs. Sam McGill.

Mrs. Kenneth Cox, president presided during the dinner, and Mrs. T. H. Seymour gave the invocation.

There were festive decorations throughout the dining room. The table held an arrangement of red carnations in a gold sleigh flanked by crystal candelabra holding red tapers.

After dinner, Mrs. Ois Blackwood gave a Christmas story, "The Tree of Life," which explained the spiritual associations of evergreens to the Christmas tree.

Christmas gifts were exchanged by the twenty members present.

The door prizes were drawn.

Christmas arrangements made by Mrs. Mamie Hamm and they were won by Mrs. Jim Moore and Mrs. Herbert Cox.

Special guests were Mrs. Gus Davis of Fulton, and Mrs. Mandel, on a holiday leave.

HOPE STAR, HOPE, ARKANSAS



Boat Explodes Near 800,000 Gallons Gas

CRESCENT CITY, Calif. (AP) — For three hours it was touch and go in this north coast harbor town.

A tug boat exploded next to a barge loaded with 800,000 gallons of high octane gasoline.

When the peril ended Sunday, one man was missing and believed dead, another was burned. Four were pitched into the bay by the force of the morning blast.

The downtown district of Crescent City a community of 2,750 was evacuated. Fishing boats fled up during the holidays, left unattended. Many carried real residents.

The blast had the force of an earthquake in the waterfront area. It was felt as far away as Brookings, Ore., 30 miles to the north.

The missing man was Gordon McCallen, 23, of Seattle, a deck hand on the tug Celilo. The vessel belonged to the Upper Columbia River Towing Co., Portland, Ore., and had just arrived from San Francisco with the gasoline-laden barge.

Hospitalized with burns was Lawrence Hanson, 31, of Port Townsend, Wash.

Hanson said gas from the 97-foot barge spilled and "was sucked into the engine room through a ventilator. The engine room filled with gasoline vapor."

"The diesel engines ran wild."

A Coast Guard cutter pumped water on the tug while the entire Crescent City Fire Department plus volunteers fought shore-side fires and flash fires aboard the

could seize it and work on it.

The great evidence of the change in his thinking came Sunday in Paris when his press secretary, James Hagerty, told news men the President favors not one

highly volatile barge. It had been unloading gasoline into underground pipes which carry the fuel to tanks south of the city.

DOROTHY DIX

Her Husband Ducks Responsibilities

Dear Dorothy Dix:

I am a married woman of 27 with two children, two years and 14 months. We live with my mother, father and two brothers. My husband refuses to take any responsibility for our support. I have to fight for everything I get. He grows if I go out while he is out all the time. Despite all this, my parents treat him with patience and kindness. He never talks of making a home for me. I told him to go, but he simply will not budge. Bills are piling up. What should I do? — Mrs. C. D.

Dear Mrs. C. D.: There are times when, whether we want it or not, fate forces us to take charge. This is one of those times for you. Tell your husband with firmness, but rancor, that he must either provide a home and living for you and the children or get out. Should he persist in his unwise, irresponsible, selfish course, go to the law. You have your parents and your children to consider, if he doesn't become realistic. Since he has shown himself to be an adolescent — not a man — treat him as such. May he will grow up!

Dear Dorothy Dix:

Our father is a policeman. He says all boys drive recklessly. My

sister, who is 14, and I, who are 15, aren't allowed to go on dates when the boy drives. Our father believes every article against teenagers. When we show him others written on our behalf, he dismisses them as trash. I hope you print this as it is our first attempt at writing. — Betty and Maxine.

Dear Betty and Maxine: Your father's attitude is understandable because he undoubtedly deals with

The Statistical Abstract of the United States said that in 1950, Arkansas had 400,163 married couples and 392,118 married females, with 40,590 males widowed and divorced and 97,932 females in these categories.

The 1958 sweet potato crop produced more income for Arkansas farmers than did Irish potatoes.

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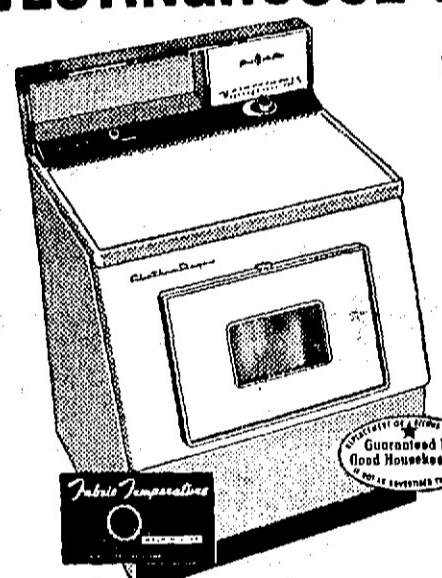
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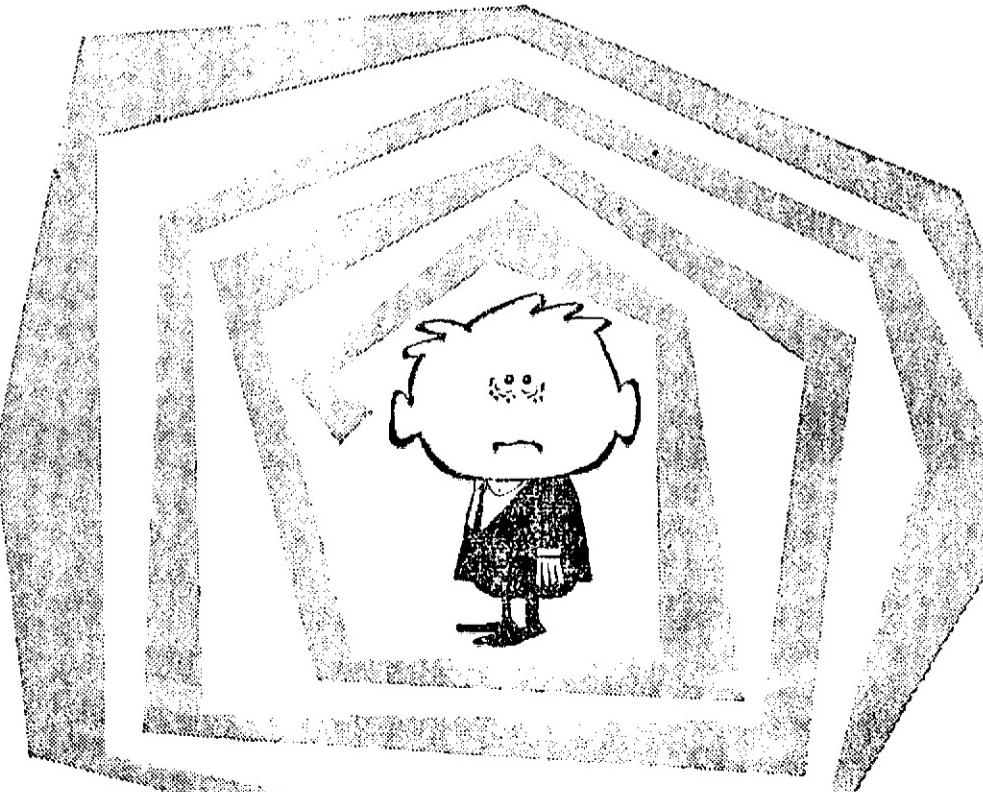
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First Bobcat Tourney Play Starts Tonight

Hope's Holiday Basketball Tournament opens tonight at Jones Field House with two games at 7 and 8 p.m.

In the first match two Class B teams, Lewisville and Emmet tangle. The second game pits Hope against Ashdown, a Class A power, sporting a 3-2 record.

This holiday meet hopes first venture with an invitational tourney. There will be two games each night through Thursday, Friday, New Year's Day, all teams will be idle.

Saturday night the match to decide third place will precede the championship game. Trophies will be awarded to the first three teams.

Superintendent of Schools, James H. Jones and Coach Don Sevier urge local fans to support the tournament which will serve as a test for future meets here. The bracket:

First round byes include El Dorado, DeQueen, Waldo, Prescott, Stamps and Smackover. In the second round El Dorado meets the winner of the Lewisville-Emmet game; DeQueen plays Waldo, Prescott meets the winner of the Hope-Ashdown contest and Smackover takes on Stamps.

All Top Cage Teams Due to Play Tonight

By ED CORRIGAN
Associated Press Sports Writer

Twenty-three, count 'em, college basketball tournaments are carded for tonight with practically every top team in the country involved in the big ones.

Six tournaments got under way last Saturday, and the other 17 start tonight. They'll all wind up by the end of the week.

In Los Angeles, the final of the first annual Los Angeles Festival could wind up in a replay of last season's NCAAs championship between California and West Virginia.

The Bears have won 22 games in a row, the longest winning streak among major schools. They run head-on into Illinois (5-0) in their first game. West Virginia (8-0), led by All-American Jerry West, plays Stanford.

The other two openers, match Southern California against Northwestern and UCLA against Michigan.

At Raleigh, N.C., the Dixie classic starts with Utah (8-0) favored to break a 10-year strangulation by North Carolina schools. The Utes play Duke in the first round. Wake Forest tangles with Holy Cross. North Carolina State meets Dayton and North Carolina is matched against Minnesota in the other game.

Other major tournaments getting under way tonight include the All-College at Oklahoma City, the Blue Grass at Louisville, the Southwest Conference at Houston, the Hurricane Classic at Miami and the Motor City at Detroit.

In New York, they still are marvelling at Oscar Robertson's fantastic 47 points in Cincinnati's 96-56 rout of St. Bonaventure Saturday in the first round of the ECAC Holiday Festival.

Big O and Co. meet St. Joseph's of Philadelphia in the semifinal tonight — the same club they smothered, 123-79 earlier in the season.

St. Joseph's advanced with an 84-70 triumph over Manhattan. The other semifinalists are Iowa, which turned back St. John's (N.Y.) 91-83, and New York University's 78-68 victory over Dartmouth.

Two finals are on tap for tonight: Wisconsin meets Canisius for the Queen City title at Buffalo, and Evansville plays Wittenberg for the Earsville Invitational championship.

Examination Waived in Benton Slaying

BENTON, Ark. (AP) — G. W. Shores waived preliminary hearing in Municipal Court today in connection with the "booby trap" slaying of another man.

Judge Joe Purcell held him for Circuit Court under \$2,000 bond, which Shores furnished.

John Alvin Farrell of near Benton was wounded fatally Dec. 20 by a shotgun charge. Officers said he was struck at Shores' rural home, where Shores had rigged up the weapon so it would be discharged by opening of a door.

Shores said he made the device because he had been bothered by intruders.

Smokey Says:



Baltimore Colts Lick Giants for Nat'l Pro Title

By JACK DAVIS

BALTIMORE, Md. (AP) — The Baltimore Colts, counted out of the race by many after three losses in their first seven games, are the world champions of professional football again today.

They clinched the title for the second straight year by staging an inspired 24-point fourth quarter Sunday to rout the Eastern Division champion New York Giants 31-16. Last year the Colts defeated the Giants in the playoff 23-17 in a sudden-death overtime period.

Colts quarterback Johnny Unitas, voted the pro football player of the year, proved to a capacity crowd of nearly 60,000 in Memorial Stadium and televiewers in 44 states that he deserved the honor. He threw two touchdown passes and ran for a third. It was the 39th straight game he has thrown a scoring heave.

Still, it was the defense on both teams that shone.

During that wild last period, when Giant quarterback Charley Conerly was trying to get New York back in the ball game with long passes, the Colts secondary picked off three interceptions. Conerly had only four intercepted during the entire season.

"Their defense made all their points for them today, not the offense," said Giant coach Jim Lee Howell. "Both defenses were better than the offensive teams."

If there were a single crucial play for the Giants, Howell reasoned, it was in the third quarter when New York or the Colts 28, decided to go for a first down on a fourth-and-one situation. The Giants were leading 9-7 at the time.

Halfback Alex Webster tried to barrel through his right tackle spot, but the Colt line surged in on him en masse, and Ballimore took over the ball on downs.

"The team seemed to go down a bit after that," Howell said, "though they never stopped trying."

Baltimore coach Webb Ewbank, a beaming satisfied soul, also credited that play with being an important one.

"I think holding them like that fired us up," he said.

That they were. Unitas and Lenny Moore were the key men in an 85-yard, 16-play drive that produced the Colts' touchdown early in the fourth quarter to put them ahead 14-9. A Unitas to Moore pass and run play moved the ball to the New York 12. A few plays later the versatile Unitas rolled out to his right and scored from the four standing up. From then on the Colts were home free.

It was the same great Unitas-Moore combination that clicked for the first quarter touchdown that gave the Colts a 7-0 lead. This score — on a 80-yard play — came the first time the Colts had the ball. Unitas faked a handoff to Alan Ameche and then, from his own 40, fired the ball to Moore. Moore took it on the New York 38 and sped all the way for

the score.

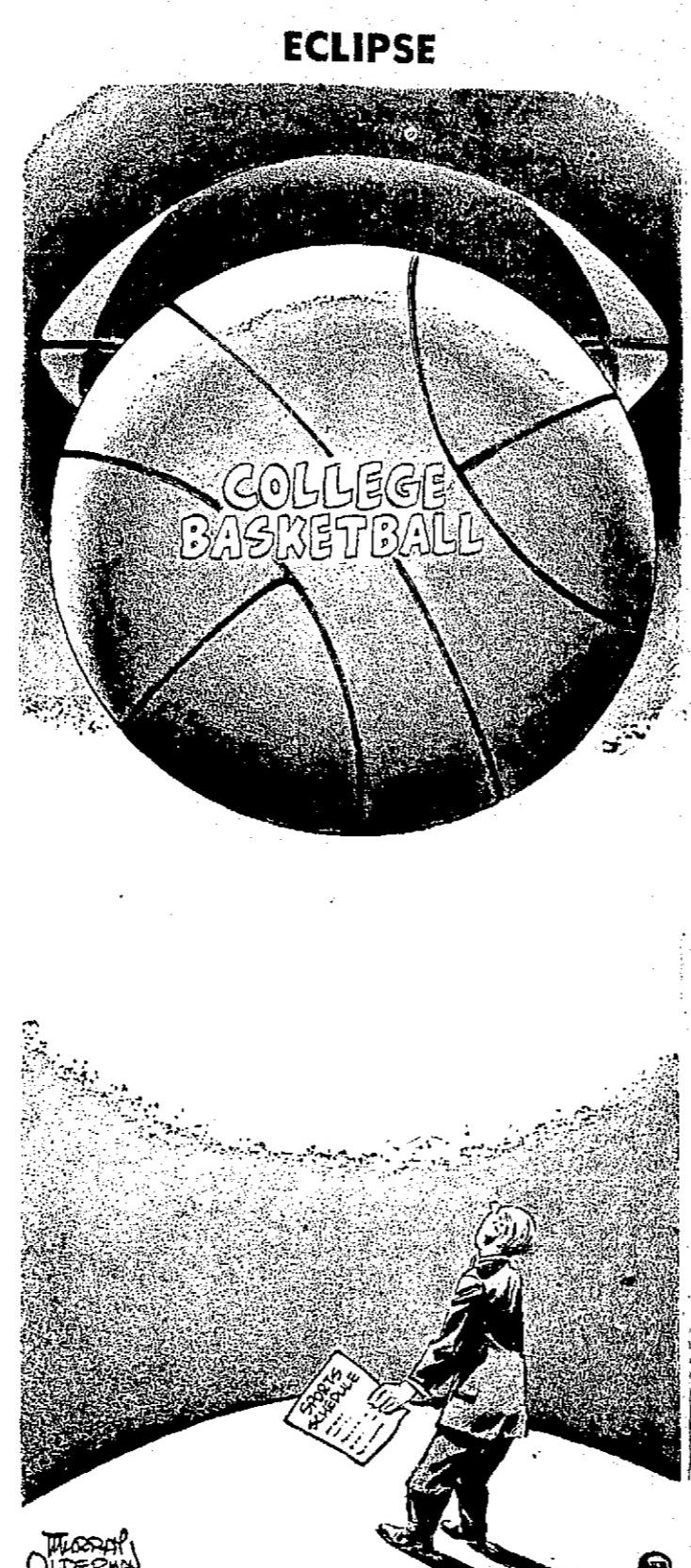
Ex-Governor Breaks His Left Wrist

LITTLE ROCK (AP) — Former Gov. Sid McMath remained in a hospital today under treatment for a compound fracture of his left wrist.

McMath suffered the injury when a horse he was riding reared and fell on him at his farm near Springdale Saturday. A broken stick in the wrist would heal and be usable again but probably would be stiff.

YOU GUessed IT — What else could this animal be at this time of year but a Christmas seal? The Sealquarium in San Francisco has them on sale at \$1.25 apiece. Instructions (one call for a swimming pool for exercise) are included.

Human negligence!



'AW, WHO WANTS YER LITTLE OL' BALL?'

Porkers Head for Florida, Gator Game

HOUSTON, Tex. (AP) — The Southwest Conference's annual basketball preview—the pre-season tournament—hits the hardwoods today with Southern Methodist and the Texas Aggies sharing the favorites' spotlight.

Arkansas and Baylor, two teams expected to give the top contenders a run for their money, kick off the action at 2 p.m. at Rice Institute field house.

Southern Methodist, 5-2 for the season and victory over highly-regarded Georgia Tech, meets a sophomore Texas Tech team which has only four lettermen.

This game is at 4 p.m.

A&M takes on the 1952 conference champion, Texas Christian, at 7:30 p.m., and Rice and Texas will close the first day's play at 9 p.m. Finals are scheduled for Wednesday night.

The Aggies and Frogs come in where the 1952 tourney left off. A&M beat TCU, 61-45, in that meet's finals, then fell behind in conference play when injuries hit its ranks. TCU took the title with a 12-2 record but lost all its starters.

Sharp-shooting Texas is the dark-horse. The Longhorns have peppered the basket for an 86-point game scoring average—the league's best—in winning five and losing two pre-season games.

But Rice, 3-4 for the year, and even with the Longhorns in the odds books by virtue of their home court advantage.

The Aggies are solid 12-point favorites over Texas Christian, and eritics figure SMU a 13-point choice over Tech's young Raiders. Arkansas and Baylor are quoted as even.

West Allies Are Still Far From Unified

By ARTHUR GAVSHON

PARIS (AP) — In the wake of the Western summit and NATO talks in Paris, the major Western Allies are still far from unified on four major issues they must negotiate with the Soviet Union. Disunity continues over the military policy of the Atlantic Alliance itself.

The Hogs, all in good physical condition, will form up at Fort Smith and board a chartered plane, then a stop will be made at Little Rock, to pick up more players and for a rousing pep rally send-off from fans.

Gov. Orval E. Faubus, mayor of Little Rock and North Little Rock and a band will greet the team.

Couch Frank Broyles will put his Porkers through a work-out immediately upon arrival at Jacksonville this afternoon, and five more practice sessions will be held prior to Saturday's game.

"Offensively, Georgia Tech will offer us some tremendous problems," Broyles said. "They've got the size and agility to stop us, too, unless we're very good."

Broyles singled out All-American linebacker Maxie Baughan and ends Jack Rudolph and Gerald Burch as Yellow Jackets who could give the Hogs trouble.

The Western Big Four set a pattern for negotiation with the Soviets that might go on for years. But their decision is clearly only the beginning of a beginning.

President Eisenhower, French President Charles de Gaulle, British Prime Minister Harold Macmillan and West German Chancellor Konrad Adenauer either failed—or did not even try—to resolve their own differences on basic issues they intend to discuss with Nikita Khrushchev.

Instead they ordered their experts to go to work on building a common front for the proposed April 27 encounter with the Soviet Premier. Leading diplomats confidently explain the experts have four months to resolve the conflicts. But it took them 13 months of dickerling to get together on the matter of holding the East-West summit meeting.

A balance sheet of the Paris exchanges, based on what high officials have disclosed, shows:

Summit meetings after 1960: Eisenhower does not consider that the next U.S. administration need be bound by this Western proposal. He, De Gaulle and Adenauer regard the suggested April meeting as largely a probing exercise. But Macmillan believes he has won the agreement of his partners to go on trying, even if the first session's results are slight.

A stopgap Berlin deal: Eisenhower and Macmillan consider although they do not say so out loud—that this offers the best chance of a firm agreement at the summit. They are ready to renew an offer the West made in the 1958 Geneva foreign ministers conference, which included a ceiling on armed forces in the divided city and a ban on hostile propaganda.

De Gaulle and Adenauer disagree. They argue that if Khrushchev really wants an end to the cold war, he won't dare revive the Berlin crisis.

Hargrove Sunday night made a stenographic statement saying he was the sniper whose rifle shot on Christmas Eve killed Charles R. Clark, authorities reported.

But Lake County authorities were having trouble finding evidence to support Hargrove's account.

Hargrove, divorced father of five, was being held as a material witness in the slaying of the 35-year-old Clark.

years ago when he was in better shape financially. Two buttons were missing from the jacket at that time.

Relating this to Harris, he said, "Look, the same two buttons are missing."

TURRELL, Ark. (AP) — The body of a 66-year-old Memphis duck hunter was recovered from the Mississippi River near here today.

He was Earl Maxwell, 66, a cotton buyer. Maxwell left home to go duck hunting alone yesterday. He was reported missing last night when he failed to return.

Sheriff Cecil V. Goodwin of Marion said the body was found by Willie Manley, a commercial fisherman, who lives near the scene.

The body was taken to Memphis.

TURRELL, Ark. (AP) — The body of an unidentified white man was recovered from the Mississippi River near here today.

Sheriff Cecil V. Goodwin of Marion said the body was found by a commercial fisherman, Willie Manley.

The sheriff said Manley told him he was almost certain it was the body of a duck hunter who embarked on the river early yesterday despite warnings of rough water.

CHAUMONT, France (AP) — Jet fighter-bombers of the 48th Wing of the U.S. Air Force will start leaving the base here Jan. 6, an official announcement said today.

The planes will be moved to Lakenheath, England. Their removal will complete the withdrawal of three wings from France. The move was decided on because of France's refusal to permit stockpiling of atomic weapons on its territory.

At the turn of the century, the average sawmill employed 20 men and by 1937 the average was nearly 60.

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Human negligence!

Industry stated to in '50s

BOB THOMAS
Movie-TV Writer

WOOD (AP) — After great prosperity, the industry started to panic as it began. It was beginning to stay in movie theaters in crowds. They had a new living room—television, seeing pictures on box right in your own home, what they saw was social. It was largely visible with the best and worst thrown in. But the public was enough to intrigue a man who was fed up with the Hollywood product of two years earlier bigtime in movie attendance one-third. Foreign releases were up, but not enough to the shock of the decline. And much of the money was frozen. Studios were in trouble, a wave of layoffs and new craze to put life in the theaters—the third

on Sept. 30, 1952, with

the New York debut of "This Is."

The new process

uses projectors at a giant

and screen. It made view-

they were really riding

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months later, a quickie

swan Devil's opened in

It was a sensation be-

cause of creating a three-

dimensional effect by use of two

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by the interest in new

dimensions. 20th Century

converted all its pro-

jectors to CinemaScope. The

new camera and squeezed

three image onto normal

film brought out Visita-

scope. Todd came along

with AO and other processes.

They helped business,

weren't enough to bring

Hollywood's oldtime econ-

omic regimes began to fall.

Mayer was eased out of

by his old Joe, Nick

Then Schenck himself

out as president, and

had a bitter proxy fight.

Brothers sold out to a

headed by Serge Senen-

through keeping production

in rule at Columbia end-

Harry Cohn died. Darryl

departed as boss of 20th

was succeeded by Buddy

ward Hughes gained full

of RKO, let it drift

out to General Tire and

Co. for \$5 million.

KO sale broke the solid

sitting off real estate. U-I

last to Music Corpora-

for \$1 million, then

back space for filming.

measures helped restore

to the ledgers. But they

they stopped. Much more

to keep the studios on

basis.

Hix Receives \$10,000 in Gifts

AY, Ark. (AP) — Hendrix has received two \$10,000 gifts from Mr. and Mrs. Graham of Little Rock and from Mr. Barton Foundation of

Marshall T. Steel, school said the Hall gift is from retired Methodist Bishop Hiram A. Boaz of Dallas, Mrs. Hall's parents. Boaz, residing bishop in Arkansas Oklahoma in 1926-30, donation was one of contributions to Methodist

Hendrix College during 25 years by Col. T. E. and Mrs. Barton. They are of the Methodist Church

Marshall said the gifts would

college past the halfway

a \$1,300,000 campaign for

improvement of the

plant.

Rites Held Rev. Witsell

ROCK (AP) — Funeral will be held here Tuesday Rev. William P. Witsell, then Episcopal clergyman, died yesterday.

Mr. Witsell was rector of Christ Episcopal and served as rector of both from 1927 to 1947. He

several books on religious

and represented the Diocese of Arkansas at every General Convention of the Episcopal Church from 1924 to 1946.

He was born at Walterboro, S.C., graduated from the Military College of South Carolina, Citadel and Hobart College, took theological training at the University of the South Seminary at Sewanee and the General Theological Seminary.

Mr. Witsell was ordained in 1900 and was rector of Meridian, Miss., and Tex., before coming to Little Rock in 1927.

Survivors include his widow,

three daughters and 13

children. His widow will be at Little Rock.

THE STORY OF MARTHA WAYNE

December 28, 1959

HOPE STAR, HOPE, ARKANSAS

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Answer to Previous Puzzle

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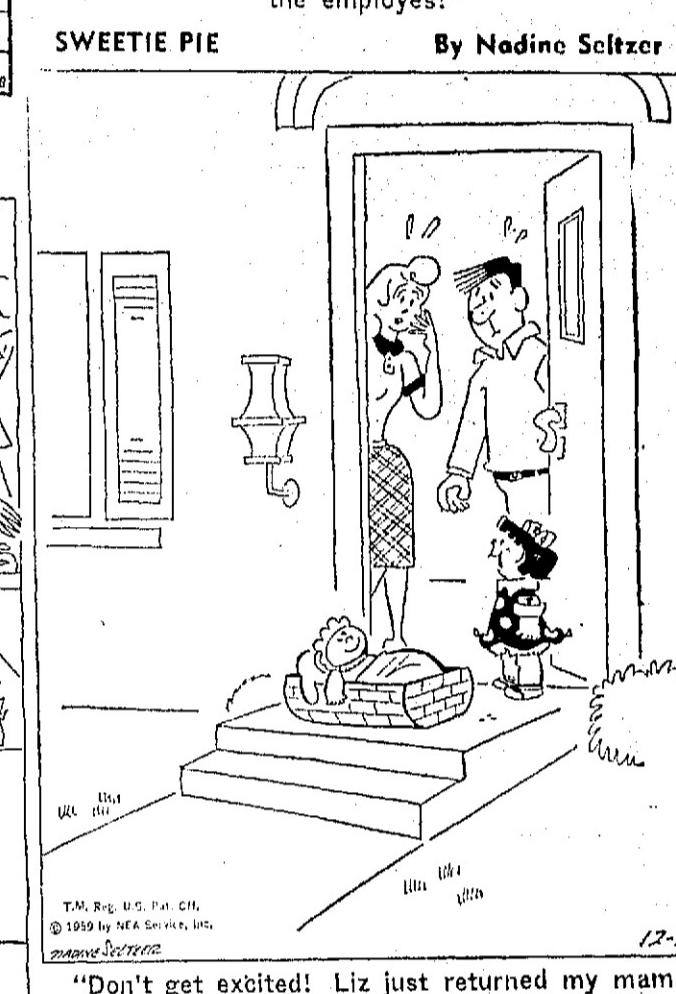
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"Don't get excited! Liz just returned my mama doll to me!"

SIDE GLANCES

By Golbraith



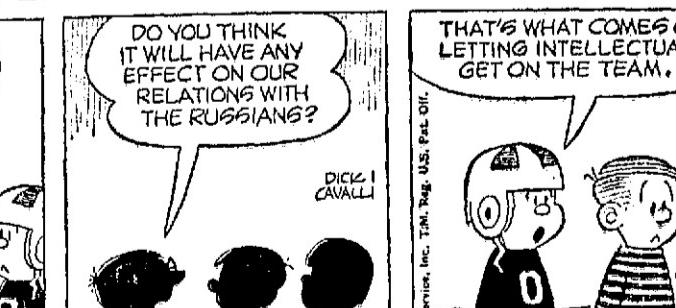
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"What do you mean, 'brains get you nowhere on this campus'? Prof. Sneed is real gone about you!"

PRISCILLA'S POP

By Golbraith



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"THAT PASS I THREW WOULD HAVE WON THE GAME FOR US, CASPER!"

DICK CAVALLI

DO YOU THINK IT MAKES ANY DIFFERENCE TO THE STARVING MILLIONS IN INDIA?

DO YOU THINK IT WILL HAVE ANY EFFECT ON OUR RELATIONS WITH THE RUSSIANS?

THAT'S WHAT COMES OF LETTING INTELLECTUALS GET ON THE TEAM.

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"EVERY YEAR I ASK SANTA CLAUS FOR A HORSE..."

OUT OF THE HOSTAGE

BY CHARLES HENRY

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CHAPTER XXIV

Letting the motor idle, the dark man pulled the truck to a slow stop and sat for a time in moody introspection. At the other side of the cab the blond man was silent, huddled between them. Davey could only be thankful he had managed not to be sick; there was no telling what they might have done to him. The dark man, nodding up ahead, seemed to experience an abrupt lift of spirits.

"That's the highway just up ahead there," he said. "After the grind in this road we're going to have a stop and cool the engine. There's a place at the junction. I can pull into the office from there and tell them we get hung up. I'll tell them we had the same trouble with the brakes again. Just remember."

The dark man nodded, then glanced down, just perceptibly, toward Davey. "What about him?"

"That's what I stopped for." Reaching up to the open cubicle behind the seat, the dark man brought out a roll of light cord. Reaching across Davey, he handed it to the blond man. "Take him back to the van and lie him up."

Davey could almost feel the weight of the dark man's gaze leave him as it lifted to the blond man. "You got some objection?"

"No," the blond man said slowly.

Then the dark man laughed, and the sound exploded thunderously within the narrow confines of the cab. "So you're finally beginning to catch on, huh? But you're dying, ain't you, just dying to know what I'm going to do. You're just right out of your stupid, oriental mind, ain't ya?"

"Look Bill—"

"Now please," the dark man said with arch politeness, "don't give me no rude interruptions. We're going to dump the load and go on back into town. Just like nothing ever happened."

"His folks might be there when we get there."

"You think so, huh? You actually think they're going to be sitting out there with their kid missing? You know where they're really going to be? They're going to be right where we left them, tearing up the town looking for him."

"But maybe somebody saw him get in."

"And didn't say nothing? Okay, suppose they did? Suppose his folks are sitting there when we pull in. We stop out front and we check the load for the turn. We sag the kid. We roll him up in a tarp. We put him under the pads. When they tell us he's missing, we turn the van inside out looking for him. And guess what we don't find? A whole lot of—"

"But later, Bill, what about that? What about—?" Davey looked up just in time to glimpse the blond man nodding toward him. There was a silence, and—

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Selma crossed to the store and entered. Along the back wall there was a counter behind which stood shelves stocked solidly with canned goods. Making her way toward the counter, Selma noted figures they're going to find him with a sinking heart that Sam and Bert had followed after her. Nevertheless she smiled at Olive, who, putting aside her fashion magazine, eased her long, too-thin body down from the high stool upon which she was sitting and came toward the counter.

Selma nodded toward the retreating van. "Where'd he come from, Bert?"

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